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NEWSPAPERS

1. HEARST - BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN CARRIES UPI WIRE
REPORT.

2. LATIMES -- S/PRS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SEPT. 2 ISSUE.
YESTERDAY'S TIMES CARRIED STORY ATTRIBUTED TO TIMES WIRE
SERVICE SETTING FORTH DETAILS OF AGREEMENT AND ANNEXES.

WIRES

AP - SCHWEID: FROM TAIF, SAUDI ARABIA REPORTS HAK ASSURED
KING KHALED U.S. WILL NOT RELAX ITS DRIVE FOR A FINAL
SETTLEMENT IN ME WITH THE NEW SINAI ACCORD. HE ALSO TRIED
TO EASE SAUDI CONCERN THAT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION
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TO SALES OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE BATTERIES TO JORDAN WILL
SPREAD TO RESTRICTIONS ON ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA. HAK
CONSIDERED STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF SAUDI

TIES TO U.S., ITS INFLUENCE IN ARAB WORLD AND ITS GENERALL MODERATE STANCE. ALSO ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION WAS MEETING OF OPEC SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH. OFFICIAL SAUDI PRESS AGENCY SAID "HAK EMPHASIZED THERE WILL BE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL FOR A SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

NETWORKS

1. ABC EVENING NEWS-REASONER: HAK FLEW TODAY FROM EGYPT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THEN TO JORDAN TO BRIEF LEADERS ON THE NEW SINAI PEACE AGREEMENT. HAK EVIDENTLY DID A GOOD JOB SELLING IT AT LEAST TO THE ARABIANS. AFTER HEARING HAK THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED THE ACCORD A SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT STEP FOR PEACE. THE ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS INITIALED THE ACCORD YESTERDAY. DELEGATIONS FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL MEET IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, AND FORMALLY SIGN IT THIS THURSDAY.

SMITH: THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY PRESIDENT FORD IS CONFIDENT THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE SENDING U.S. TECHNICIANS TO THE SINAI TO HELP POLICE THE NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT. HE IS NOW CANVASSING CONGRESSMEN FOR THEIR OPINIONS ON THE AGREEMENT.

CORRESPONDENT SAM DONALDSON, FROM CAPITOL HILL: THE PRESIDENT MAY TURN OUT TO BE RIGHT ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR AN AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE SINAI AS PART OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, BUT IF HE IS IT WILL BE BECAUSE HAK WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT TO REST TWO BASIC FEARS: FIRST, THAT IT HEADS THE U.S. TOWARD A VIET-NAM TYPE QUAGMIRE, AND SECOND, THAT IT INCREASES THE RISK OF DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE RUSSIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

SENATOR JACKSON: I THINK VERY CLEARLY THE SOVIETS WILL BE PUTTING GREAT PRESSURE TO GET THEIR FORCES IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. I THINK THIS TIME WHEN YOU BRING IN THE SUPER-POWERS THAT ANY MOVE MEANS A POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION.
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REP. LARRY PRESSLER: WELL, AS A VIETNAM VETERAN, I SEE THE SAME PATTERN EMERGING. I THINK WE SHOULD USE UN TECHNICIANS ON THIS BORDER. THE REASONING COULD VERY QUICKLY FOLLOW THAT IF WE HAVE U.S. TECHNICIANS THERE AND THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS A YEAR OR TWO FROM NOW, THAT WE WILL SEND THE MARINES-IN TO PROTECT OUR TECHNICIANS, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE TROOPS STATIONED THERE.

DONALDSON: HAK WILL TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES, WHERE NOT ONLY THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT

BUT HAK'S OWN TROUBLED RELATIONSHIP WITH CONGRESS WILL

PLAY A PART IN THE OUTCOME. ALREADY HAK'S FIERCEST CRITICS ARE CALLING FOR HAK'S TESTIMONY TO BE TAKEN UNDER OATH.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS-BROKAW: ...WOULD SET A BAD PRECEDENT. MANSFIELD SAID THAT IF AMERICANS GO TO THE SINAI, THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT WANT TO SEND RUSSIANS.

CORRESPONDENT JOHN COCHRAN: ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAY THE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CIA AND THE DIA. ONE POSSIBILITY UNDER DISCUSSION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT WITH A CIVILIAN CONSORTIUM WHICH WOULD HIRE THE TECHNICIANS. ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID THAT USING NON-GOVERNMENT TECHNICIANS MAY CALM THE FEARS SOME CONGRESSMEN HAVE ABOUT PUTTING AMERICANS IN THE SINAI.

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MANSFIELD AND HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT ARE CONCERNED THAT THE U.S. COULD WIND UP IN A MILITARY SITUATION LIKE VIET-NAM. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY NESSEN SAID THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE ONLY TWO CONGRESSMEN AND NESSEN SAID PRESIDENT FORD IS CONFIDENT THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE THE PLAN.

CORRESPONDENT JOHN HART: CONGRESS ISN'T EVEN HERE YET AND HASN'T SEEN A COPY OF THE DEAL AND SO DOESN'T KNOW ITSELF WHAT IT PLANS TO DO. BUT STARTING TOMORROW WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY COME BACK TO WORK, THE MEMBERS WILL SURELY ARGUE ABOUT IT. SEN. JACKSON SAYS HE IS AFRAID OF SECRET COMMITMENTS AND WANTS HAK TO TAKE AN OATH THAT HE IS TELLING EVERYTHING.

JACKSON: UNTIL THERE IS A FULL DISCLOSURE, I THINK IT IS PREMATURE. BUT I DON'T LIKE TO SEE AMERICAN FORCES -- WHETHER THEY ARE CALLED CIVILIANS OR SOMETHING ELSE, THEY ARE STILL AMERICANS -- BROUGHT INTO THIS FRAY.

HART: IN THE HOUSE, CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS IS ONE OF SEVERAL WHO FIGURE THE RISK IS WORTH IT.

HAYS: TRUCK DRIVERS ON THE HIGHWAY TAKE RISKS EVERY DAY; YOU CAN PICK UP THE PAPER WHERE ONE GETS KILLED. SO THERE IS RISK IN ANY JOB. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RECRUITED FOR THIS JOB WILL KNOW THAT THE RISK IS THERE BEFORE THEY GO. AND I THINK BECAUSE OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN MAINTAINING PEACE THAT THE RISK WILL BE MINIMAL.

HART: HAYS FIGURES THE HOUSE WILL TAKE THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AND THEN GO ALONG WITH THE PRESIDENT. BUT THE ARGUMENT HASN'T REALLY BEGUN YET, SO WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT

WILL TURN OUT.

BROKAW: HAK, WHO NEGOTIATED THE AGREEMENT, WENT FROM EGYPT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ON TO JORDAN TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO DRUM UP ARAB SUPPORT FOR HIS EFFORTS. HE WILL ALSO STOP IN SYRIA BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON.

VALERIANI: SAUDI ARABIA IS CONSIDERED A MUST STOP FOR HAK ON ANY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE OF ITS OIL, ITS BUYING POWER AND ITS SUPPORT OF ARAB MODERATES. SO HAK CAME TO TAIF TO REPORT ON THE NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AND TO EASE SAUDI CONCERN THAT IT WILL LEAD TO A FREEZE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SAUDIS HAVE ASKED ISRAEL TO RETURN ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM. HAK'S MEETING WITH KING KHALED WAS HIS FIRST WITH THE NEW RULER, WHO WAS CROWNED FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING FAISAL LAST MARCH. OIL WAS A PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF HAK'S TALKS HERE, UNCLASSIFIED

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ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PRODUCERS' CARTEL IS MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. THE U.S. IS TRYING TO STAVE OFF ANOTHER PRICE INCREASE. BEFORE LEAVING, HAK ALSO REASSURED THE SAUDIS ABOUT CONTINUING WEAPONS SALES, DESPITE THE CONGRESSIONAL CURB ON THE SALE OF HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN. AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID LATER THAT THE SAUDIS HAD SOLIDLY ENDORSED THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT WHICH WILL HELP TO WIN SUPPORT FOR IT THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD.

CBS EVENING NEWS-MUDD: THE NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IS DRAWING FIRE IN WASHINGTON. EVEN SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WHO SUPPORT IT SAY THEY HAVE MISGIVINGS. MOST CONCERN IS THAT IT MIGHT LEAD TO MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS SENDING ADVISORS DID IN VIETNAM. SOME FEAR ALSO HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT THE AMERICANS MIGHT BECOME THE TARGETS OF TERRORISTS.

SCHIEFER: WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN NESSEN SAYS HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE PRESIDENT FORD'S PLAN. REMINDED TODAY THAT SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MANSFIELD AND HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT HAVE EXPRESSED VARYING DEGREES OF OPPOSITION TO PLACING AMERICANS IN THE SINAI, NESSEN SAID THEY WERE JUST TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THAT OTHER MEMBERS ARE VOICING SUPPORT. BUT DESPITE THE WHITE HOUSE OPTIMISM, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE HOLDING THEIR OPTIONS OPEN.

SEN. JACKSON: WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. AFTER ALL CONGRESS WAS NOT CONSULTED ON THIS AND WE DON'T WRITE BLANK CHECKS IN ADVANCE. IT WILL HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT THE COMMITMENTS ARE.

SCHIEFER: AS THE DEBATE SHARPENED ON CAPITOL HILL, THE WHITE HOUSE TRIED TO PLAY DOWN THE IDEA THAT SINAI DUTY COULD BE DANGEROUS. SPOKESMAN NESSEN SAID THAT ALL AMERICANS SENT THERE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CARRY PISTOLS AND COULD BE WITHDRAWN IF TROUBLE APPEARS LIKELY. TOLD THAT SOME TERRORIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS MIGHT NOT GIVE WARNINGS BEFORE TRYING TO CAUSE TROUBLE, NESSEN BRUSHED OFF THAT POSSIBILITY BY TELLING THE REPORTER, "I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SPOKE FOR THE PALESTINIANS."
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MUDD: HAK WENT ON THE ROAD TODAY WITH HIS CAMPAIGN FOR A BROADER MIDDLE EAST PEACE. HE LEFT EGYPT FOR SAUDI ARABIA WHERE KING KHALED GAVE HIS APPROVAL FOR THE NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT. HAK LATER TOOK HIS SALES PITCH TO JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN IN AMMAN. FROM THERE HAK WILL GO TO SYRIA. HE IS DUE BACK IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW NIGHT.

LATE WIRES

AP (SCHWEID) FROM AMMAN SAYS HAK STOPPED IN JORDAN TO BRIEF HUSSEIN ON HIS SUCCESSFUL SINAI MEDIATION AND TO PROMISE AN ENERGETIC U.S. EFFORT FOR OVER-ALL ME SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, HAK MADE IT CLEAR AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK IS NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE OFFING. HE SAID U.S. FAVORED ISRAELI/JORDAN NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE WHEN ARABS GAVE PLO EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO REPRESENT WEST BANK. NO INDICATION HAK IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH ISRAEL/SYRIA SHUTTLE SOON. ON SALE OF HAWKS, U.S. OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED PRIVATELY ADMINISTRATION MAY HAVE MADE TACTICAL BLUNDER TRYING TO GET ALL 14 BATTERIES THROUGH CONGRESS IN ONE LOT. THEY BELIEVE THE DEAL MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH IF IT HAD BEEN SENT IN 2 PHASES. NEWSMEN WERE TOLD IF CONGRESS RESISTS, HUSSEIN MAY TURN TO SOVS OR SYRIA AND POSSIBLY BRING IN SYRIAN TECHNICIANS.

UPI (GROWALD) FROM AMMAN -- U.S. OFFICIAL ON THE PLANE TO JORDAN SAID SAUDIS ENDORSEMENT OF AGREEMENT WAS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE. HAK HAD BEEN WORRIED THEY WOULD SPURN THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. IN JORDAN-HAK FACED UNHAPPY HUSSEIN, STILL ANGERED OVER U.S. CONGRESS REFUSAL TO SELL HIM HAWKS. SITUATION IS ESPECIALLY DELICATE AND U.S./JORDAN FRIENDSHIP OF 2 DECADES IS IN DOUBT BECAUSE OF THE HAWKS. HAK WILL STOP IN DAMASCUS ON WAY HOME TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR NEXT STEP IN ME PEACE

PLAN -- ISRAELI/SYRIAN INTERIM SETTLEMENT. BUT U.S. OFFICIALS SAID HAK IN NO HURRY AND DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE ISRAELI/SYRIAN SHUTTLE THIS YEAR.
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UPI, WASHINGTON, REPORTS JACKSON REACTION TO NEW AGREEMENT
AS FOLLOWS:

JACKSON SAID HE WAS "ADVISED THERE ARE SECRET UNDERSTAND-
INGS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EGYPTIANS. I WANT TO SEE
FIRST THE SECRET CODICILS AND AGREEMENTS BEFORE MAKING A
FINAL JUDGMENT" ON THE PACT.

JACKSON SAID HAK HAD WITHHELD INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS
TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS AND SHOULD BE ASKED TO TESTIFY
ABOUT THE NEW ACCORD.

"I THINK HE OUGHT TO BE PUT UNDER OATH IN LIGHT OF HIS
RECORD." SAID JACKSON.

"WHAT I WANT TO AVOID IS ANY RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN
TROOPS STANDING FACE TO FACE," HE SAID.

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